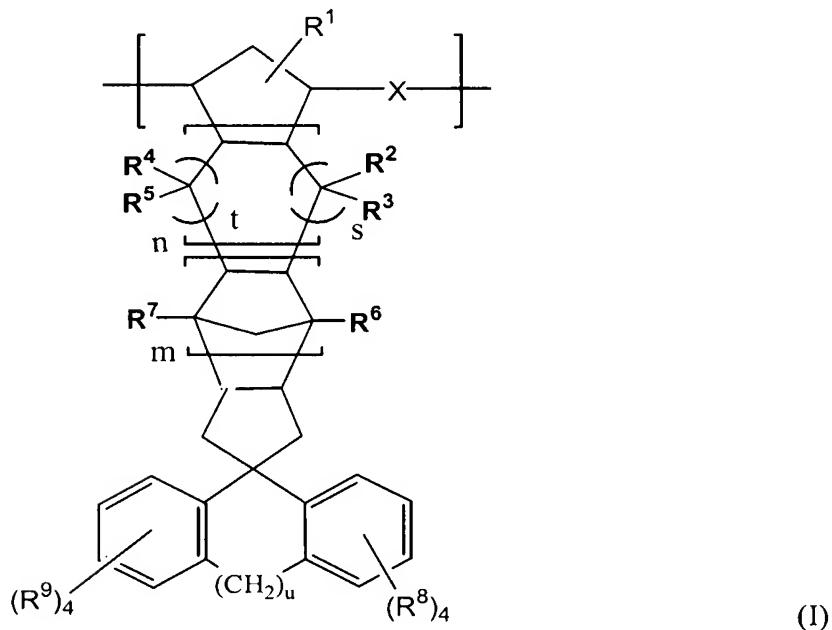


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled):

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer comprising structural units (I) represented by the following formula (I):



wherein m and n are each independently an integer of 0 to 2,

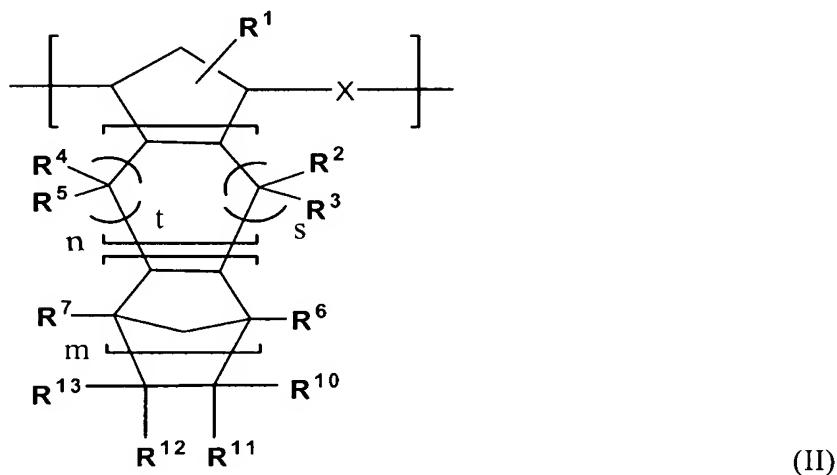
X is a group represented by the formula --CH=CH- or a group represented by the formula $\text{--CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{--}$,

$\text{R}^1, \text{R}^2, \text{R}^3, \text{R}^4, \text{R}^5, \text{R}^6, \text{R}^7, \text{R}^8$ and R^9 are each independently an atom or a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted hydrocarbon group, and an unsubstituted hydrocarbon group, and a polar group, wherein the hydrocarbon group has 1 to 30 carbon atoms, wherein when the hydrocarbon group is substituted, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom, and a silicon atom,-and

s, t and u are each independently an integer of 0 to 3.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer as claimed in claim 6, wherein the structural units (I) are contained in an amount not less than 2% by mol of all structural units.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer as claimed in claim 6 further comprising structural units (II) represented by the following formula (II):



wherein m and n are each independently an integer of 0 to 2,

X is a group represented by the formula $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ or a group represented by the formula $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$,

$\text{R}^1, \text{R}^2, \text{R}^3, \text{R}^4, \text{R}^5, \text{R}^6$ and R^7 are each independently an atom or a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted hydrocarbon group, and an unsubstituted hydrocarbon group, and a polar group,

wherein the hydrocarbon group has 1 to 30 carbon atoms, wherein when the hydrocarbon group is substituted, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom, and a silicon atom,

R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently an atom or a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted hydrocarbon group, and an unsubstituted hydrocarbon group, and a polar group,

wherein the hydrocarbon group has 1 to 30 carbon atoms, wherein when the hydrocarbon group is substituted, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom, and a silicon atom, they may be bonded to each other to form a monocyclic or polycyclic group which may have a hetero atom, and R^{10} and R^{11} , or R^{12} and R^{13} may be united to form a divalent hydrocarbon group, and s and t are each independently an integer of 0 to 3.

Claim 9 (Original): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer as claimed in claim 8, wherein the structural units (II) are contained in amounts of not more than 98% by mol of all structural units.

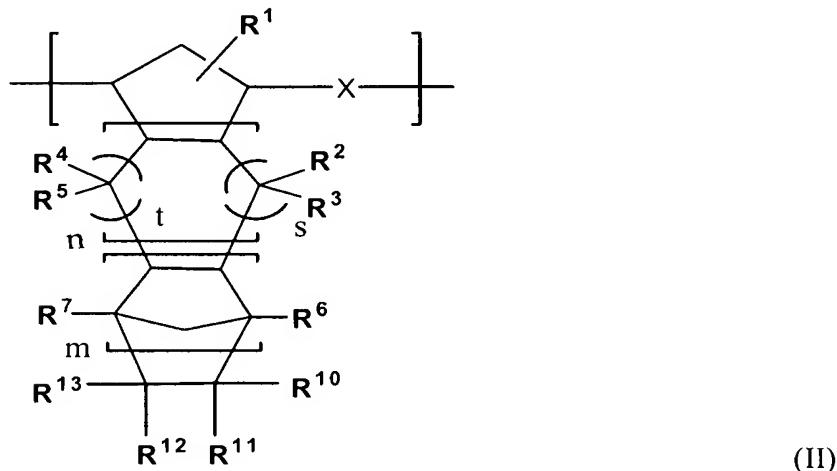
Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer as claimed in claim 6, wherein the total amount of the structural units (I) and the structural units (II) is not less than 5% by mol of all structural units.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer of claim 6, wherein X is present in an amount of not less than 90% by mol of the total amount of X in the structural units (I) and the structural units (II) is a group represented by $-CH_2CH_2-$.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer of claim 6, wherein the structural units (I) are structural units of the formula (I) in which m is 0, n is 0, and u is 0.

Claims 13-15 (Canceled):

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer as claimed in claim 7 further comprising structural units (II) represented by the following formula (II):



wherein m and n are each independently an integer of 0 to 2,

X is a group represented by the formula $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$ or a group represented by the formula $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$,

R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are each independently an atom or a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted hydrocarbon group, and an unsubstituted hydrocarbon group, and a polar group,

wherein the hydrocarbon group has of 1 to 30 carbon atoms, wherein when the hydrocarbon group is substituted, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom, and a silicon atom,

R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently an atom or a group selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted hydrocarbon group, and an unsubstituted hydrocarbon group, and a polar group,

wherein the hydrocarbon group has of 1 to 30 carbon atoms, wherein when the hydrocarbon group is substituted, the substituent is selected from the group consisting of an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom, a sulfur atom, and a silicon atom, they may be bonded to each other to form a monocyclic or polycyclic group which may have a hetero atom, and R¹⁰ and R¹¹, or R¹² and R¹³ may be united to form a divalent hydrocarbon group, and s and t are each independently an integer of 0 to 3.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer as claimed in claim 8, wherein the total amount of the structural units (I) and the structural units (II) is not less than 5% by mol of all structural units.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer of claim 8, wherein X is present in an amount not less than 90% by mol of the total amount of X in the structural units (I) and the structural units (II) is a group represented by -CH₂CH₂-.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer of claim 8, wherein the structural units (I) are structural units of the formula (I) in which m is 0, n is 0, and u is 0.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled):

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): An optical film or sheet obtained from the norbornene ring-opened (co)polymer according to claim 6.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The optical film or sheet as claimed in claim 22,
wherein the optical film or sheet is a stretched film.